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Short Questions and Answers, to be learned of such as bee ignorant, before they be admitted to the LORDS Supper.

**W**hat Religion doe you professe;  
Christian Religion.

Act. 11. 26.

What is Christian Religion;  
It is the true profession, beleeuing, and following of those things, which are commanded and taught vs by God in the Holy Scriptures.

Rom. 10. 9.

10.  
Act. 4. 12.

What call you the holy Scriptures;

The Word of God, containd in the Bookes of the olde and new Testament.

1. Tim. 3. 16.

Doe this Scripture or word of God contain in it self points of true Religion, & every thing necessary for the Salvation of a Christian? Yea.

Tell me then from this Scripture, how many Gods there be;

One.

2. Tim. 3. 16.

17.

What is God;

An euerlasting Spirit, immortall, inuisible, most strong, onely wise.

Deut. 4. 35.

and 6. 4.

Ephe. 4. 9.

How many persons are there;

1. Tim. 1. 17.

Iohn. 4. 24.

A 2

There

1 Iohn 5. 7.

Mich. 3. 16,

17.

Mat. 28. 1.

1 Iohn 5.

Psal. 9. 17.

&amp; 29. 3, 15.

Rom. 1. 19.

&amp; 10. 18.

Heb. 11. 3.

Gen. 1. 1.

1 Gen. 8. 6.

Heb. 11. 3,

Gen. 1. 27.

Ephes. 4. 24.

Gen. 1. 7.

Rom. 11. 36.

Rom. 3. 19, 11

12.

Rom. 3. 23.

1 Iohn 1. 8. 10

Rom. 5. 12,

18, 19.

Gen. 3. 6.

Rom. 5. 12.

Three.

Which be they?

The Father, the Son, and the holy Ghost.

How is God knowne?

By his workes, word, and Spirit.

Who created the world?

God.

Whereof did he create the world?

Of nothing, and that by his word.

Who made you?

God the Father.

How did he create you?

In holinesse and righteousness.

Why are you thus created?

To glorifie him.

Are you able to doe this of your selfe?

No.

Why so?

Because I am a sinner.

How came you to be a sinner, seeing you

were so perfectly created?

By the fall of Adam.

What was his sinne?

Disobedience against God, in eating of the forbidden fruite.

How cometh it to passe, that you are become a sinner in Adam?

Because

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Because hee was the Father of all Mankind.

Rom. 5. 12.

*How doe you prooue that you are a sinner?*

By the testimony of mine owne Conscience, and by the Law of God.

Rom. 2. 15.  
and

*What is the Law of God?*

3. 20.

A perfect rule of righteousness, commanding good, and forbidding euill, the summe whereof is contained in the Commandements

Gal. 3. 19.

Psal. 19. 7.

*How many be there?*

Ten.

*Rehearse them?*

Then God spake all these wordes and said, I am the Lord thy God, &c.

Exod. 24. 18.

Exod. 20. 1.

Are these wordes, I am the Lord thy God, &c. a Commandement, or Preface?

A preface to the whole Law.

*How be the Commandements diuided?*

Leuit. 19. 1. 9.

Into two Tables or parts.

*How many be there of the first Table?*

Foure.

Exod. 31. 18.

and 34. 26.

*How many of the second?*

Six.

*What doe the Commandements of the first*

Marke 22. 37.

*Table teach you?*

My duty towards God.

*What doe the commandements of the se-*

*cond Table teach you?*

A 3

My

Math. 22. 39.

My duty towards my Neighbour.

Are you to use the Commandements as Prayers?

No, because they bee no Petitions, but Commandements.

Are you able to keepe them, without breaking any of them, in thoughts, word or deed?

Ephes. 2. 3.

Rom. 3. 10.

No.  
Why?  
Because I am ready and disposed by nature, to offend both God & my Neighbor.

To what end serueth the Law?

Rom. 3. 10.

Gal. 3. 24.

Prov. 21. 8.

Pla. 119. 105.

To shew vs our misery, and to lead vs to Christ, and to bee a rule euer after for the well-ordering of our liues.

What is the punishment for the breach of the Law?

Eternall destruction both of body and soule.

Is there no way to escape it, and be saved?

Yes.

How?

By IESVS CHRIST.

Who is Christ?

The Sonne of GOD, perfect God, and perfect man.

Could there be no other meane, nor person be found in Heauen or Earth to save you, but

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*The Sonne of God must doe it?*

No verily.

*Must he needs be God and Man?*

Yea.

*Why?*

First, because hee must dye for vs; and God cannot dye; therefore he must be man. Heb. 6. 22.  
Secondly, he must overcome death, which being only man he could not; therefore he must also be God. Heb. 2. 14.

*How did he save you?*

As he was man \*perfectly righteous, he \* I. Pet. 1. 19. and 2. 22.  
performed the perfect obedience of the \* Heb. 4. 15.  
Law, and satisfied \* Gods Iustice for me. 1. Pet. 2. 24.  
And as he was God he overcome death, and 4. 1.  
and raysted vp his body in the third day. 1. Pet. 3. 18.

*Are all men partakers of this benefit of Redemption purchased by Christ?*

No, there are a number that shall haue their part in Hell with the Diuell and his Angels. Mat. 25. 46. and 7. 23. Reuel. 22. 15.

*Who are they that haue their part in the death of Christ?*

Onely such as truly belecue.

Iohn. 3. 16.  
Heb. 10. 22.  
Rom. 4. 20. 21  
Iohn. 1. 12.

*What is Faith?*

Faith is a full assurance of my Saluation in Iesus Christ alone.

Act. 4. 12.  
2. Thess. 3. 2.  
Philip. 1. 16.

*Hath every man his faith in himselfe?*

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Mat. 10. 17.

No, for it is the gift of God, and not of nature.

*How is faith gotten?*

Rom. 10. 17.

1. Cor. 1. 21.

Acts. 2. 41.

2 Cor. 4. 13.

Acts. 6. 14.

Iohn. 8. 31.

and 6. 17.

1. Pet. 2. 2.

By the outward hearing of the word of God preached, and the inward working of the Spirit.

*How is it strengthened and increased in you?*

By the same preaching of the word, and the use of the Sacraments and prayer.

*How shall a man know whether hee haue this true and saving faith or no?*

By the fruits and marks thereof.

Acts. 2. 37.

Heb. 11. 7.

psal. 119. 113

1. Iohn. 1. 3.

14.

*What be the fruites of faith?*

A hatred of all sinne, a continuall care to please God in the duties commanded, an obtained loue to Gods Word, & to his people.

*Reuerse the summe of your Faith.*

I beleue in God the Father, &c.

*How many parts be there of this Creed?*

Two.

*Which be they?*

The first is of God, the second is of the Church.

*Let vs come now to the meanes of strengthening our faith, as the Sacraments and prayer, and first what is a Sacrament?*

Rom. 4. 11.

A Sacrament is a seale and pledge of those



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those benefits of my saluation, which I receive by Christ.

*How many Sacraments bee there in the Church of God?*

Two.

*Which be they?*

Baptisme and the Supper of the Lord.

*Who ordayned them?*

The Lord Iesus.

*To what end?*

To strengthen our Faith, and to further our Repentance.

*How many things are to be considered in a Sacrament?*

Two.

*Which be they?*

The signe, and the thing signified.

*In Baptisme, which is the signe that may be seene?*

Water.

*What is the thing signified?*

The washing away of my finnes by the blood of Christ.

*How is your Faith strengthened by Baptisme?*

By Baptisme I am received into the Family and Congregation of the Lord, and

am thereby fully assured, that both my sins are

Mat. 28. 19.

and

29. 29.

1. Cor. 11. 23

Mat. 26. 26.

1. Cor. 11. 23.

Gen. 17. 11.

Rom. 4. 11.

Acts. 8. 26.

Iohn. 3. 5.

Mark. 16. 16.

Act. 5. 38.

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are forgiven me, and the punishment due to the same.

*What do you professe in Baptisme ;*  
Rom. 6. 3 To dye vnto sinne, and to liue vnto  
righteousnesse.

*In the Supper of the Lord, which bee the  
signes that may be seene ;*

Mat. 29. 26. Bread and Wine,

and 27.

1. Cor. 11. 23. *What doe they signifie ;*

24. 25.

The body and bloud of Christ,

*How is your faith strengthened by the  
Supper of the Lord,*

By the Supper of the Lord my faith is  
strengthened, that as I receiue the bread &  
Wine into my body to become mine, so  
doth my Soule receiue withall Iesus  
Christ, with all the benefits of his death to  
bee wholly mine.

*Is the Bread and Wine turned into the  
naturall body & bloud of Christ, flesh, bloud  
and bone ?*

No, the Bread and Wine of their owne  
nature are not changed, but in use they  
differ from other common Bread & Wine,  
because they bee appointed of God to bee  
signes of the Body & the Bloud of Christ

Gen. 17. 10.

11.

Exod. 1. 11.

*Why then doth Christ say; This is my Body;*

It is a figuratiue speech vsuall in the  
Scrip-

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Scripture, as Circumcision is called the Couenant, the Lambe is called the Pasſeouer: and yet it is not the Couenant, nor the Pasſeouer, but a ſigne of it,

*How doe you eate Chriſts body, and drinke his blood;*

Spiritually and by Faith.

John. 6. 63.

*Are all perſons, without exception, to be admitted to the Supper of the Lord;*

No.

*Who are not to be admitted;*

Children, Fooles, Mad-men, Ignorant  
perſons, knowne Heretikes, open and no-  
torious Sinners not repenting.

1. Cor. 11. 28

Titus. 3. 10.

*What muſt he doe, that will come worthily to the Supper of the Lord;*

He muſt prooue and examine himſelfe.

1. Cor. 11. 28.

*Wherein muſt he examine himſelfe;*

and 29.

Fiſt, what knowledge hee hath in the Principles of Religion, and eſpecially in the matter of the Sacrament. Secondly, whether he hath true Faith in Ieſus Chriſt or no. Thirdly, whether hee be penitent and ſorry for his finnes paſt, purpoſing to leaue them, and to liue godly, endeavouring himſelfe to be in brotherly Loue & Charity with all men.

Mat. 5. 23.

Rom. 12. 18.

Heb. 12. 12.

*Then it ſeemeth there bee ſome, who albeit they*

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*they come, yet they lose the benefit of this Communion in themselves?*

Yea.

*Who be they?*

Such as come not in faith, and are not grieved for their sins past, as Hypocrites, civill men, Church-Papists, priuy enemies to Gods word, and so many of the godly as come not sufficiently prepared, procure a punishment.

*What is the other helpe you haue to encrease of faith?*

Prayer.

*What is Prayer?*

Prayer is a spirituall action of Faith, wherein we require of God in the Name of Christ all things necessary, for his glory and our comfort.

*To whom must you pray?*

To God only.

*In whose Name?*

In the Name of Christ.

*Then you may not pray to Saints, or Angels, or to God, in the Name of a Saint or Angel.*

No.

*Why?*

Because there is neither Commandement, pro-

1. Cor. 11. 30.

2. Chron.

30. 8.

Rom. 8. 26.

James. 6. 1.

1. Iohn 5. 14.

Psal. 50. 14.

15.

Iohn 16. 23.

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promise, nor example in Scripture for it.

*How must you pray?*

As Christ hath taught me, saying; Our Father, which art, &c. *Mat. 6. 9.*

*How many petitions be there in this Prayer?*

Six: three concerning the glory of God, and three our owne necessities.

*What are these Words; Our Father, which art in Heaven?*

A perface or introduction to the Prayer.

*What are these words; for thine is the Kingdome, the power and the glory, for ever?*

The conclusion of the Prayer.

*Psal. 116. 12.*

*What doe you owe to God for his benefits?*

*13.*

Thanksgiving.

*Is it enough that you thanks him with your lips alone?*

*Ephes. 5. 19.*

*Deut. 8. 3. &c.*

No; but I must be obedient to his Lawes and commandements: which grace the Lord grant, Amen.

**Sundry**

# Sundry necessary Obser- uations for a Christian.

**a** 1. Pet. 2. 5. **1** That we may keepe a narrow<sup>a</sup> watch  
ouer our hearts, words, and deedes,  
continually.

**b** Ephes. 5. 16  
Col. 4. 5. **2** That with all care the<sup>b</sup> time bee re-  
deemed, which hath beene idly, carelesly,  
and vnprofitably spent.

**c** Col. 4. 2. **3** That once in the day at the least pri-  
uate<sup>c</sup> Prayer and Meditation be vsed.

**d** Lu. 14. 15.  
and 16. **4** That care bee had<sup>d</sup> to doe and receiue  
good in company.

**e** Deut. 4. 9.  
and 32. 7.  
Gen. 18. 19. **5** That our Family be with diligence and  
regard<sup>e</sup> instructed, <sup>f</sup>watched ouer, and go-  
uerned.

**f** Pro. 24. 27.  
28. **6** That no more time or care bee be-  
stowed in <sup>g</sup>matters of the world, then  
must needs.

**h** Heb. 13. 16  
Gal. 6. 10. **7** That we stirre vp our selues to<sup>h</sup> libe-  
ralitie to Gods Saints.

**i** Col. 5. 25.  
Ephes. 5. 3. 4. **8** That wee giue not the least bridle to the  
wandring<sup>i</sup> lusts and affections.

**k** Mar. 16. 24. **9** That we prepare our selues to<sup>k</sup> beare  
the Crosse, by what meanes it shall please  
God to exercise vs.

**l** Dan. 6. 5. 4.  
and 20.  
Lam. 11. **10** That wee may bestow some time, not  
only in<sup>l</sup> mourning for our owne sinnes, but  
all

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also for the sins of the time and age wherein we live.

11 That we <sup>m</sup> looke daily for the Com-  
ming of our Lord Iesus Christ, for our full  
deliuerance out of this life. <sup>m I. Cor. 1.7  
Tinas. 2. 13.</sup>

12 That we vse (as we shall haue oportu-  
nitie, at least, as we shal haue necessity) to  
<sup>n</sup> acquaint our selues with some goodly and  
faithfull person, with whom we may confer  
of our Christan estate, & open our doubts  
to the quickening vp of Gods graces in vs <sup>n Iames. 5. 16</sup>

13 That wee <sup>o</sup> obserue the departure of  
men out of this life, their mortality, the va-  
nicie and alteration of things below, the  
more to contemne the world, and to conti-  
nue our longing after the life to come, And  
that wee meditate and muse often of our  
owne death, and going out of this life, how  
we must lye in the graue, all our glory put  
off: which will serue to beate downe the  
pride of life that is in vs. <sup>o Eccles. 7. 4.  
Phil. 1. 23.  
Reuel. 22. 20.</sup>

14 That wee <sup>P</sup> reade somewhat daily of  
the holy Scriptures, for the further encrease  
of our knowledge. <sup>P Deut. 17.  
19. 20.  
Iosua. 1. 8.  
Psal. 1. 2.</sup>

15 That wee <sup>q</sup> enter into covenant with  
the Lord to strue against all sin, and espe-  
cially against the speciall finnes and cor-  
ruptions of our hearts and liues, wherein <sup>q Nehem. 9.  
and 28.  
2. Chron. 34.  
and 31.</sup>

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we haue most dishonoured the Lord, and haue raised vp most guiltinesse to our owne consciences, and that wee carefully see our covenant be kept and continued.

f 1. Pet. 1. 14.

2. Pet. 2. 20.

21. 22.

f Mat. 18. 8.

1. Thess. 5. 22.

r Reuel. 2. 4.

16 That wee r marke how sinne dyeth and is weakened in vs, and that wee turne not to our old finnes againe, but wisely f auoyd occasions to sinne.

u James. 1. 11.

James. 1. 12.

Rom. 2. 13.

x Eccles. 1. 17.

17 That we r fall not from our first loue, but continue still our affection to the liking of Gods Word, and all the holy exercises of religion, diligently hearing it, & u faithfully practizing the same in our liues and conuersations; that we x prepare our selues before we come, & meditate and confer of that we heare, either by our selues, or with others, & so marke our daily profiting in Religion.

y Ephes. 5. 20

Psal. 116. 12.

13.

and 118. 15.

z Philip. 1. 23.

2. Tim. 4. 7. 8.

18 That we be often occupied in y meditating on Gods benefits and workes, and found forth his prayse for the same.

19 That wee z exercise our faith by taking comfort and delight in the great benefit of our Redemption by Christ, and the fruition of Gods presence, in his glorious and blessed Kingdome.

20 Lastly, that wee make not these hol practices of Repentance common in time nor vse them for course.

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